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CITIZENS UNION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION 2009

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to Council and election reform policy issues facing the City of New York. We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire on our website and in other appropriate venues.

Citizens Union will also be using your answers to guide the process of evaluating candidates for this office and to assist us in determining whether to issue a candidate "endorsement."

We thank you very much for your response.	
Candidate Name: Lew M. Simon	Age: 49
Office to Which You Seek (Re) Election: Council District #: 3 Member of City Council	2
Campaign Address: 112-20 Beach Channel Drive Rockoway Pa	rk NY 11694
Campaign Telephone Number: (718) 945-1216 F	3 T 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Party Affiliation(s): Democrat Campaign Manager Name:	orman Silverman
Website & Email: Lew Stmon 945 eaol. com	<u> </u>
Education: attended Brooklyn College	
Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected	
office): Community Liason for State Senator Makolm Smith 14th S.D.	
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I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please state your position on the following reform measures. Specify whether you support or oppose each. You may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM 1. What is your position on allowing independents to vote in party
primaries? Support Oppose
Comments:
I encourage voters to enroll in the party of their choice so they can vote in a primary
2. What is your position on passage of state legislation that would allow referenda initiated by the City Council and/or the public to appear on the ballot at the same time as a referendum initiated by a charter commission appointed by the Mayor? Comments:
I would strongly support this proposal and would make it my business to speak for it on the City Council.
3. What is your position on increasing the pay of election day poll workers above the current \$200 they are allotted per election event? Support Oppose Comments:
I have been a vocal strong supporter of Increasing the pay to make it tair and equitable to ensure that all Board of Election employees are well qualified.
4. What is your position on requiring that the Board of Elections in the City of New York be included in the preliminarily and final Support Oppose mayor's management report?
Comments:
The Board of Elections is not run by the Mayor. The Board of Elections must issue their own management report
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

5. What is your position on establishing stricter requirement for the disbursement of campaign finance matching funds to candidates

Support/Oppose

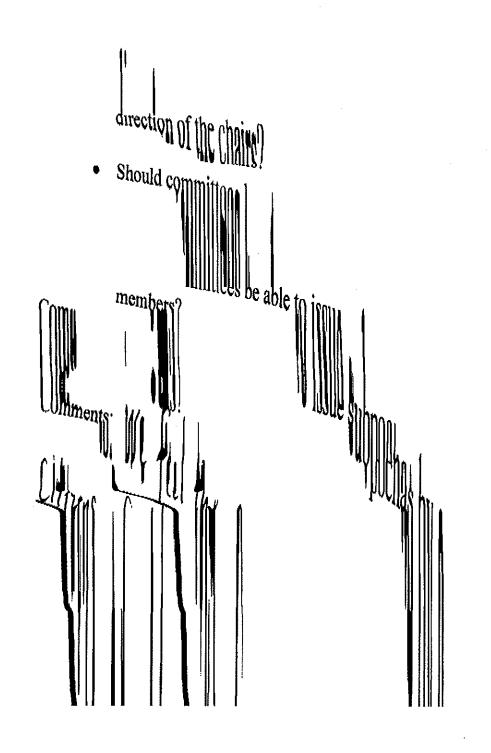
that face non-competitive challengers? Comments:
If an opposing candidate has qualified for the bellot and is Campaigning actively they must be taken seriously.
6. What is your position on banning the transfer of funds that were raised in a previous election cycle into a current account? Support Oppose
As one running in a special election I would have to return any remaining tunes and cannot use them for the primary election. 7. What is your position on allowing campaign financing for ballot
proposals? Comments: Support/Oppose
In a reterendum where wealthy Supporters have dominated 1. What is your position on lowering the campaign contribution limit for City Council candidates from the current \$2,750 for those who participate in the city's campaign finance program? Comments: Comments:
Not to 1250 is metchable not \$2,750. Even if it is cut in holf only \$250 is metchable.
9. What is your position on lowering the expenditure limit for City Council candidates who participate in the city's campaign finance Support Oppose program? Comments:
With the cost of advertising and mailings in a seriously centes ted election, the funding is needed.
CITY COUNCIL REFORM 10. What is your position on allowing Council committees to function Support Oppose

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 - Should committee staff be hired by and report to committee chairs?
 - Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the

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Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of the	ir Sunnando
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Citizens of New York City. The Chair and members should	De Alla C. L.
Without dictation from the Speaker	De able function
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11. What is your position on eliminating or limiting stipends for committee chairs and leadership positions?	
Comments: "" Positions?	Support Oppose
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who do not have and should not be given to com	VII STAFF
12. What is your position on consolidating the current City Council	HV 11 te Chairs
committee structure and an incommittee current City Council	
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13. What is your position on the recent extension of term limits for the city's elected officials to three consecutive form.	
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explain your answer	Sunnant
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Comments: I oppose the way the Mayor and the Cov the issue, If a change was favored a referendum sho	ncil houdled
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14. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that	
changes to term limits may and the City Charter to require that	
Threats:	Support/Oppose
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POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

15. What is your position on transferring prosecutorial power over substantiated claims of police misconduct to the Civilian Complaint Review Board? If oppose, what would you propose to ensure sufficient public oversight and effective adjudication in handling claims of alleged police misconduct?

Support Oppose

Comments: The Civilian Complaint Review Board must have	the power
16. Do you believe that the State Legislature should renew mayoral control of the city's public schools in its present form? If oppose, what specific changes to the current system would you recommend? Comments: The School Dourd System where local parents grand parents to other could elect the local Superintendent is used all over MY State. Chancellar Should be a qualified ecludator. 17. What is your position on establishing mandatory inclusionary zoning standards and requirements for all new residential	Support Oppose Her Voters The
percentage set aside for low income households? house of all income levels There is a major need for afterdational for afterdation of all income levels.	pport)Oppose Cople
18. What is your position on changing the current land use process under ULURP to limit the role of community-based planning? Support Community resitents must have the strongest voi determining standards to protect their Communities from Greeky Mevelopens.	pport Oppose
19. What is your position on the Ravitch Commission's recommendations for new revenue sources for funding the MTA and altering its governance? Please explain your answer, as well as your thoughts on how the experiences of the debate surrounding the city's efforts to implement congestion pricing can inform the current discussion.	pport/Oppose
Comments: A broad bused poyroll tax would provide most of the needed for maintaining MTA services. We found the profit Congestion pricing rediculous, If the transportation for in my district was injurised the use of cars going to	e funds posal people
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CAMPAIGN PROMISES BEING MADE TO VOTERS IN 2009

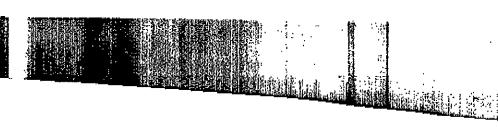
Clitzens Union is adding a new element to its evaluation of incumbents running for reelection. In addition to evaluating their stances on the issues above, Citizens Union will assess incumbents on how well they kept the promises they made to voters during the previous election.

As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing what are the top five promises you are making to the voters during this campaign?

We thank you very much for your response. Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient.

TOP FIVE CAMPAIGN PROMISES BEING MADE IN 2009

- 1. We have made support of better mass transit (the reopening of the Ructaway Beach line) improved A train service and express bus service a priority.
- 2. We strongly support construction of schools to provide seats for children in overcrowded schools or forced to travel to distant areas.
- 3. We are tighting to maintain Senior Citizen centers and Meals on Wheels for the many seniors in our community
- 4. We have demanded reform of the system of testing and hiring of lifeguards and scheduling coverage until 8 pm to protect local residents and visitors. (Work with Community Board 14)
- 5. We will expand our efforts to make apprentice training and and jobs available to community residents



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